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FROM AMBASSADOR HILL FOR ARA/ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY

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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER QUIJANO RETURNS; COMMENTS ON LUNCHEON
WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER

1. FOREIGN MINISTER AND MRS. QUIJANO ARRIVED 8:10 THIS MORNING (FEB 16). HE TOLD ME AT AIRPORT HE VERY SATISFIED WITH LUNCHEON CONVERSATIONS WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER AND OTHER DEPT OFFICIALS. HE SAID HE OF COURSE ASSUMED I HAD ALREADY RECEIVED CABLE FROM DEPT REPORTING ON CONVERSATION, BUT HE DID WANT TO MENTION A FEW POINTS.

2. HE WAS VERY IMPRESSED WITH SECRETARY'S FRIENDLINESS TOWARDS ARGENTINA AND WITH FACT SECRETARY HAD ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE TOLD QUIJANO HE LOOKED FORWARD TO VISITING ARGENTINA AFTER OAS MEETING IN CHILE NEXT JUNE.

3. QUIJANO SAID HE WAS REASSURED BY SECRETARY'S EXPRESSED DESIRE TO AVOID INVOKING GSP AGAINST ARGENTINA. HE SAID HE HAD PROMISED SECRETARY HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO MOVE LEGISLATION QUICKLY AND TAKE OTHER MEASURES NECESSARY TO FULFILL ARGENTINA'S COMMITMENT.

4. AS I DEPARTED, HE ASKED ME TO AGAIN THANK SECRETARY FOR TIME HE HAD DEVOTED TO ARGENTINA WHEN HE HAD SO MANY OTHER PRESSING PROBLEMS.

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